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1 QUICK QUIZ

Which of these words are connected with magic? Write them into the cauldron.

spell professor wizard
magical tropical bewitched
prince potions school
witchcraft marriage Hogwarts

2 WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Write the key words into the gaps. The paragraph number is given to help you.

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<th>incredible</th>
<th>treated</th>
<th>role model</th>
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<td>to cast a spell</td>
<td>look up to</td>
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1. to use magic to make something happen to someone ____________________ (para 1)
2. to use magic to make someone interested in you ____________________ (past tense verb, para 1)
3. to behave towards someone in a particular way ____________________ (past tense verb, para 3)
4. surprising, or extremely good ____________________ (para 5)
5. When you ____________________ someone, you admire and respect them. (para 6)
6. someone whose behaviour is a good example for other people to copy ____________________ (para 6)

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7. Your ____________________ life is the part of your life that people know about, for example your work, not your life at home. (para 7)
8. When you are ____________________ about something, you are very interested in something or excited by it (para 8)
9. A film ____________________ is a stage or other place where a film is made. (para 8)
10. When something is used as a model for a film, the film is ____________________ it. (All about Harry)
11. A ____________________ is a magic drink. (All about Harry)
12. things or people that are controlled by the devil or very bad powers ____________________ (All about Harry)

Definitions from www.macmillandictionary.com
He has cast a spell over movielovers for the last nine years. Since we first saw the famous boy wizard, the *Harry Potter* films have earned nearly $4.5 billion in cinemas around the world. Hollywood is bewitched and named Daniel Radcliffe the most powerful young actor in the world. Now, fans can see him again in *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, the sixth film from J.K. Rowling’s best-selling book series. And we can’t wait to see what Daniel, who turned 20 in July 2009, will do next.

With Emma Watson as Hermione and Rupert Grint as Ron, we first saw Daniel in the magical world of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone* back in 2001. We spoke to Daniel to find out what it’s been like to grow up in the spotlight.

What is it like to be a child actor?
In America, if you’re a child actor, you’re treated as an actor first and a child second. In England, you’re treated as a child first and an actor second – which is the right way to do it.

Have you grown up too quickly?
I don’t think I’ve grown up too fast, but I have grown up faster than others. Suddenly, I feel like I have to be an adult.

Why are people so interested in you?
Really, I have no idea at all. I think it’s because I’m in the middle of this incredible *Harry Potter* world.

Do you worry that too many young people look up to you?
I don’t want people to think of me (Daniel Radcliffe) as a role model. But I think Harry Potter is a good role model.

Do you keep your personal life separate from your public life?
The most interesting parts about me are things I don’t want to talk about in public. I told somebody that I wrote poems. A few months later, people were asking, “When can we see some?” No, not ever!

Will you ever get tired of acting?
I’m still madly enthusiastic about what I do. I get a big kick out of being on the set and filming. So, as long as I don’t lose that feeling, I think I’ll be all right.

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**All about Daniel**

**Birthday:** 23 July 1989  
**Home:** south-west London  
**Money:** has more than £20 million  
**Hobbies:** acting, writing poems  
**What you didn’t know:** Daniel has a disease called dyspraxia, which makes it hard for him to tie his shoes or do other things that need fine-motor skills.  
**Theatre:** starred in *Equus*, a play about a boy who has a strange relationship with horses
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All about Harry

Film: *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*
Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint
Directed by: David Yates
Opened: 16 July 2009


Professor Dumbledore, the school’s headmaster, sends Harry on a journey to fight against the evil forces. Meanwhile Harry’s best friends Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) are in a fight of their own, against the powers of a love potion.


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3 FIND THE INFORMATION: TRUE OR FALSE?

Underline the correct answer according to the text.

1. How many books are there in the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling?
   6 / 7 / 8

2. How many films will there be?
   6 / 7 / 8

3. How old is Daniel Radcliffe?
   19 / 20 / 21

4. When was the first *Harry Potter* film made?

5. How many years will there be between the first and last films?
   8 / 9 / 10

6. How much money has Daniel Radcliffe got?
   less than £20 million / £20 million / more than £20 million

7. What is the complete name of the school Harry attends?
   Hogwarts / Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry / Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches

8. What are Harry’s best friends’ surnames?
   Weasley and Granger / Granger and Dumbledore / Weasley and Dumbledore

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4 TEEN TALK: GET A KICK (OUT OF ...)

Look back at the article and complete the sentence.

Daniel Radcliffe says that he “gets a big kick out of being on the set and filming.”

To get a kick out of something means...:

a. ...that it can hurt you.

b. ...that it thrills and excites you.

c. ...that you hate it.

What do you get a kick out of?

(e.g. going to parties / getting good marks in a school test / riding my bike)

5 WRITING: ALL ABOUT ME

Look again at the file, “All about Daniel” and then complete a similar file with information about you.

All about ______________

Birthday:

Home:

Money:

Hobbies:

What you didn't know:
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6  WEBQUEST

Choose either Emma Watson or Rupert Grint and do research on the internet so that you can complete the file. Half the class should complete the file for Emma, and the other half for Rupert.

All about Emma / Rupert
(choose one and cross out the other name)

Birthday:

Home:

Money:

Hobbies:

What you didn’t know:

7  ROLE-PLAY: INTERVIEWS

Put the words in the correct order to make the questions.

is When birthday your ?

Where live you do ?

much How have you money got ?

are hobbies What your ?

you we know What about don’t ?

Use the questions to find out information about Emma or Rupert.

Ask the other students in your class the same questions about them.